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**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006**

9:00 A.M.

ROOM 159

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order -- Roll Call (Council Members Lea and Wishneff were absent.)**

**City Council
School Board**

2. **Welcome and Opening Remarks. Mayor Harris
Chair Stockburger**
3. **Fiscal Year 2006-2007 School Budget.**
4. **Other Business.**
5. **Comments by Council Members/School Trustees.**

THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (5-0)

File #110-132

A communication from Mayor C. Nelson Harris requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to interview four applicants for vacancies on the Roanoke City School Board, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (5-0)

File #110-132-467

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (5-0)

File #132

Items listed on the 2:00 p.m. Council docket requiring discussion/clarification; and additions/deletions to the 2:00 p.m. docket. (15 minutes)

Topics for discussion by the Mayor and Members of Council. (10 minutes)

Briefings: None.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (5-0)

Appointed M. Rupert Cutler as a Director of the Western Virginia Water Authority for a term commencing July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2010.

File #15-110-468

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P. M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

**MAY 1, 2006
2:00 P.M.**

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Member Lea was absent.)**

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Sherman P. Lea.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor C. Nelson Harris.

Welcome. Mayor Harris.

NOTICE:

Today's Council meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV, CLICK ON THE SERVICE ICON, CLICK ON COUNCIL AGENDAS TO ACCESS THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA AND COUNCIL MEETING. IF ADOBE ACROBAT IS NOT AVAILABLE, A PROMPT WILL APPEAR TO DOWNLOAD PRIOR TO VIEWING AGENDA INFORMATION.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEVA.GOV, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Branch Highways, Inc., for environmental protection through use of best management practices for Erosion and Sediment Control.

File#80-356

3.

CONSENT AGENDA
Approved (6-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 Minutes of a meeting of the Greater Roanoke Transit Company Audit Committee held on Monday, December 19, 2005.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.
File#300
- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum, Inc., a non-profit organization, for exemption from taxation of certain personal property in the City of Roanoke.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #79
- C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Norfolk and Western Historical Society, Inc., for tax exempt status of certain real property located at 2101 Salem Avenue, S. W.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #79
- C-4 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to the purchase of three City-owned parcels of land located adjacent to 119 Wells Avenue, N. W., by the Jacquot Corporation.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #2-166

- C-5 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, June 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to the leasing of air rights located above the rights-of-way for Norfolk Avenue, Williamson Road, and Salem Avenue, S. E., identified as Official Tax Nos. 4010205 and 4010210, to the Art Museum of Western Virginia for a 60 year period.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.

File #416

- C-6 Qualification of James Settle as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a term ending March 31, 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

File #15-67-110

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Citizen comments with regard to appointment of three Trustees to the Roanoke City School Board for three-year terms of office, commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2009. Applications were submitted by James P. Beatty, Jason E. Bingham, Caren D. Boisseau, Jay Foster, Mae G. Huff, Randy L. Leftwich, Mark S. Lucas and Todd A. Putney.

File #110-467

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of an additional allocation of State Homeland Security Program grant funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, in the amount of \$53,054.00; and appropriation of funds.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 37375-050106 and Resolution No. 37376-050106. (6-0)
File #60-188-236

2. Authorization to renew the agreement between the City of Roanoke and the Williamson Road Area Business Association, Inc. (WRABA) for continued administration of the Special Service District, effective July 1, 2006.

Adopted Resolution No. 37377-050106. (6-0)
File #342-380

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of March, 2006.
File #10

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.

Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick advised that at a picnic recognizing Municipal Volunteers on Friday, April 28, a ceremonial check in the amount of \$376,000.00 was presented to the City of Roanoke representing the dollar value of services donated to the City by participants of the Municipal Volunteer Program. He expressed appreciation to those citizens who volunteer services to Roanoke.

File #80-132

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., suggested that the bridge over Tinker Creek be renovated and named in memory of the late A. Victor Thomas.

File #80-102

Mr. Howard Cooper, Jr., spoke with regard to the need for stronger law enforcement throughout the City of Roanoke.

File #5

Mr. John Graybill, 2443 Tillett Road, S. W., and Mr. Jim Fields, 17 Ridgecrest Road, Hardy, Virginia, spoke in support of the renovation of Victory Stadium.

File #122

Mac McCadden, Communications Chair, Roanoke Branch NAACP, read a communication from Daniel Hale, Chair, Roanoke Branch, NAACP, expressing concern with regard to hiring practices of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the selection of a new Executive Director. Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., and Ms. Valerie Garner, 2264 Mattaponi Drive, N. W., concurred in the concerns of the Roanoke Branch, NAACP.

File #66-178

Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., spoke with regard to the characteristics of integrity and honesty in elected officials. File #132

Mr. John E. Kepley, 2909 Morrison Street, S. E., advised that the Councilmanic election on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, will decide the fate of Victory Stadium.

File #122-132

Mr. Robert E. Gravely, 727 29th Street, N. W., spoke with regard to leadership, an inadequate pay scale for City employees and overall concerns for the well-being of the City of Roanoke.

File #66-184

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: NONE.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0)

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006, AT 8:30 A. M., IN ROOM 159, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AT WHICH TIME THE COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET STUDY.